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COURTS CONVENE:

Circuit Court—First Monday in February, June and October.
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Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1917.

The United States has an army now of more than a million and a quarter of men, whereas, eight months ago we had only 110,000. Another half million of men are to be called within a few weeks.

Above all times that most persons now living have seen, this is no time to spend money for frivolous and useless toys for children or the elders either. Buy good clothing and make your Christmas gifts from articles of use and not of beautiful rubbish.

A resolution passed both houses declaring that a state of war existed between Austria and the United States Friday and the president signed it. The vote in the senate was unanimous and in the house there was only one vote against it, Representative London, a socialist.

If coal miners are to be forced to work six days in the week mining coal to save the nation, why should not trainmen be forced to work for a reasonable wage and keep on the job. It seems they are willing to keep on the job if they are allowed to fix the wage. Miners are not allowed to fix the wage and neither should the trainmen be allowed to do so.

For many years there has been sporadic talks of government ownership of the railroad. When Mr. Bryan announced that as a likely early necessity for this country, on his return from a trip around the world, nearly every railroad and business man voiced his protest against such a course.

It is strange how things change. At this time the railroads favor absolute government control of the railroads and anyone can see that such a course is almost the last step before government ownership becomes a fact.

The railroad workers are the ones who have forced that condition and they are sure to find when it comes that their day of holding up the roads for higher wages every few months will cease. They will simply be drafted just as soldiers are, if necessary. The sooner that condition arrives the better it will be for the country as a whole.

AN OPEN LETTER

To the People of Cumberland County:
Crossville, Tenn., Dec. 10, 1917.

I have decided, after due consideration, to make the race for trustee, subject to the action of the Republican primary of March 9, 1918.

The first and most important thing to consider is one's qualifications to fill this very important office. I am of the opinion that the trustee's office should be run in a business manner, something like a bank, where large sums of money are handled, the books should be balanced every day, so the trustee would be able to turn to any account and give the tax payers the exact amount due that account at any time; not wait and balance the books every three months, or longer, just to get ready for the revenue committee. If I am elected, I propose to carry out the above plan.

Second, I feel that I can confidently expect the support of a large majority of the Republicans of Cumberland county for past services rendered my party. I have always been found on the firing line where the shot and shell from the enemy guns were the thickest, battling for each and every candidate on the ticket.

Third, I was born and raised in Cumberland county, worked and earned my own money to procure my education and this is the first time that I have ever asked the Republicans of Cumberland county to elect me to a county office.

Fourth, I believe in passing the office around, not elect one man to an office for more than two terms, then let him step down and out and make room for you or your boy. If not, there is no use of your raising and educating your boys, if you permit your offices to be held indefinitely by one man or one set of men. If it is a good thing, pass it around.

My opponent has held office for the past eight years, and now asks you to start him in a new office where he can hold it for from four to six years.

I am making this race on my own responsibility, because I want the office, so if I am not successful, I will not have any one to blame for getting me out.

I enter this race with the confident expectation of being nominated. I enter it with clean hands and expect to make a clean race. I expect to see as many of the voters as possible, but should I not be able to see you, remember that your vote and influence will be appreciated just the same.

I now solicit your vote and influence and assure you that I will appreciate same.

Very truly,
Sampson DeRossett.

SNODGRASS SEEMS TO LOSE

W. H. Ligon Has II Majority on Face of Returns; Irregularities Charged.

The executive committee for canvassing the vote for this judicial circuit and chancery division met at Cookeville Monday. The face of the returns showed 11 votes in favor of W. H. Ligon.

No one was declared the nominee because of irregularities charged by friends of Judge Snodgrass in certain precincts in Trousdale county. Contrary to the expressed wishes of Mr. Ligon, the committee decided by a vote of seven to three to appoint a committee to investigate Trousdale county. The committee adjourned to meet again for final action Wednesday of next week.

General Officer seems to have won by over 200 votes, according to reports.

DIED OF BLOOD CLOT.

Had Been Suffering for Several Weeks and Death not Unexpected

Javis Wheeler, aged about 40 years, died at the home of his mother, here Monday, at 11 a. m. Death was due to blood clot on the brain.

The remains were laid to rest in the city cemetery yesterday at 2:30 p. m. attended by relatives and friends. Judge J. W. Dorton conducted the funeral services.

The deceased had been a painter and paper hanger all his life and was very skillful in his calling. For the past few years he had been living in Chattanooga and other southern cities. Some weeks ago he became afflicted. He was taken to Nashville for examination and the doctors pronounced his trouble blood clot on the brain, held out no hope for his recovery and advised that he be brought home at once as death was liable to ensue at any time. He was brought here to the home of his mother and had been gradually growing weaker until Monday, when he passed away.

Kind neighbors lent a helping hand and rendered all possible aid to the sorrowing family.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

The strength of the naval reserve force is 49,250 men, 70 per cent of whom volunteered for general service.

According to the Department of Agriculture, over 5,000,000 eggs spoil in cold storage each year because they have been washed or in some other way become wet before being sent to market.

KEEP THE FARMER WELL.

Malaria a Tremendous Drawback in Certain Rich Land Sections.

It has been stated that the supreme need of the nation during the coming months is an abundance of foodstuffs. The truth of this statement is being more and more brought home to every citizen as the days go by, the constantly increasing prices of food materials constituting reliable evidence that the situation is becoming acute.

One reason for this is the scarcity of labor in our rich agricultural sections, a condition which can not be altogether relieved. Another reason, and one which is frequently overlooked, is

the lack of efficiency in the present day worker, particularly when due to disease.

It is estimated that 4 per cent of the population of certain sections suffer from malaria, a disease which lessens production and results in serious economic loss.

"Keep the farmer well" should be a fitting slogan of the present day. There never was a time when production was in such need of stimulation and when able-bodied men and women were in such demand. Every case of malaria, typhoid fever or other efficiency reducing disease among the productive population means that the output of food is appreciably reduced and that the shortage is measurably increased.

A large part of the lands in the richest sections of the south, and to a less extent in the North as well, is today partially or wholly unproductive on account of being over-run with malaria, with a consequent loss of millions of dollars.

It is entirely feasible to reclaim these lands and thus increase the nation's output. In certain areas the working ability of the population has been so affected by this disease that not only is there shortage of growing crops, but also of lumber, cotton and other manufactured goods.

The moving of agricultural and manufacturing hands into these districts would not materially improve the situation as the newcomers would suffer a loss of efficiency fully as great as that of the older residents. However, if co-ordinated, intelligent and well-directed effort is instituted this serious economic handicap under which we are laboring can be easily overcome. Already examples of individual accomplishment along this line are plentiful.

At Crossett, Ark., a town of 2000 people, the United States Public Health Service working in co-operation with the International Health Board, in one season reduced the incidence of malaria by over 80 per cent. The cost of the work was \$1.23 per person, less than what one would have paid for a single visit of a physician; this, too, in one of the worst malarious districts of the country.

At Lake Village, Ark., the annual financial losses sustained by people protected against malaria averaged but 23 cents per family as, reckoned from money expended for physicians and medicine and absence from work on account of sickness. In the same town the neighbors of these citizens who employed no control measures against the disease sustained an annual loss of \$11.21 per family, to say nothing of the economic loss resulting from decreased efficiency.

One of the progressive railroads west of the Mississippi river foresaw this problem, and appropriated funds to keep its employees free from malaria in order to maintain its working force at the top notch of efficiency.

The state of Mississippi has also inaugurated active steps which will lead to an increased output from each farm and other efforts along similar lines are being made.

If this same active interest in malarial control can be extended generally this disease, which has been a severe handicap to the development of certain regions, can be checked and bumper crops produced.

Tremendous opportunities in this regard are open to federations of women's clubs, chambers of commerce, civic leagues and farmer's organizations, and all such effort will be repaid a hundred fold.

The principles governing malarial eradication are inexpensive, easy of application, and easily understood by any citizen of average intelligence.

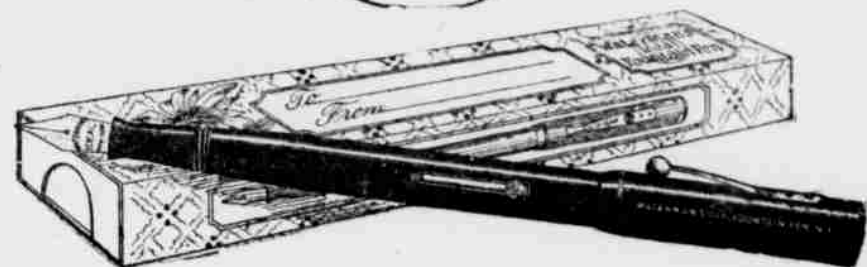
So important does the government consider this work, particularly in view of the necessity of cultivating every foot of ground during the coming year, that steps have been taken to have the Public Health Service prepare and distribute directions as to how it may be accomplished. Any farmer who is even remotely interested in the problem can write to the government and obtain this information free of charge.—U. S. Public Health Service.

POMONA

Henry Clay Stone, aged twenty-five, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick L. Stone, died Wednesday morning, Nov. 28th,

after an illness of several weeks. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Edward R. Wharton, of the Pleasant Hill Academy, and the remains were interred in the Pomona cemetery. The young man was well known, and had many friends among the young people of the county. Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Worthington, of Vandever, and Mrs. Fred Perry, of Grapevine, and two brothers, William and Walter Stone, of Pomona. Kind, hospitable and always thoughtful of others, Mr. and Mrs. Stone and family have the deep sympathy of many friends in the loss of their son and brother in the morning of his life.

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George A. Nelson, age 65, died Monday night, Dec. 3rd, after a lingering illness. The funeral was conducted at the home Wednesday morning by J. L. Burnett, of Crossville, and the body laid to rest in the Pomona cemetery. Mr. Nelson came to Pomona a few months ago for his health. He was formerly from Georgia. He is survived by a wife and three sons, all of whom have the deep sympathy of the community.

Doc Smith and family, from the Elmore farm near Pomona Road, have rented Mrs. James Smith's farm, formerly known as the Liggett place, and moved in last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Noland, Nov. 30, a son.
Dec. 8.

O. B.